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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal / Attorney Docket No. : 501082.13 (98-0616.12)
Serial No. : 09/652,968 / Group Art Unit : 2815
Filed : August 31, 2000 / Examiner : Jose R. Diaz
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 12, 2002.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
☒ Check
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date: _____

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Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2002)

Complete if Known

Application No.	09/652,968
Filing Date	August 31, 2000
First Named Inventor	Vishnu K. Agarwal
Group Art Unit	2815
Examiner	Jose R. Diaz
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☒ Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
101	740	201	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
106	330	206	165	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
108	740	208	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
114	160	214	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee

Subtotal (1) \$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	-	20	=	x \$ = \$
Ind.	-	3	=	x \$ = \$
Multiple Dependent Claims			x	\$ = \$

Subtotal (2) \$0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent Claim
109	84	209	42	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee, oath or cover sheet	\$
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee	\$
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	\$
147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	\$
195	300	196	300	Publication (early or Republication)	\$
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	\$
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	\$
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within 4 th month	\$
128	1,960	280	980	Extension for reply within 5 th month	\$
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
121	280	270	140	Request for oral hearing	\$
148	110	248	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
142	1,280	242	640	Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies)	\$
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee (+ advance copies)	\$
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS	\$
581	40	81	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$ 740

Other fee (specify)

Subtotal (3) \$740

Total Amount of Payment: \$740

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